Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Safety belts and child safety seats have proven to be effective in reducing highway fatalities and injuries; and,

WHEREAS, The legislatures of 29 states and the District of Columbia have recognized the benefits of safety belt use and enacted safety belt use laws; and,

WHEREAS, Child safety seat laws are in effect in all of the states; and,

WHEREAS, As a result of these laws and other activities, millions of Americans are regularly wearing safety belts and using child safety seats; and,

WHEREAS, The universal use of these safety systems would prevent thousands of fatalities and injuries each year; and,

WHEREAS, The use of safety belts and child safety seats should be encouraged even as passive restraint systems are phased into the vehicle fleet; and,

WHEREAS, Numerous public interest and safety organizations are working to encourage more extensive use of safety belts and child safety seats; and,

WHEREAS, The law enforcement community has played an essential role in encouraging the more widespread use of safety belts and child safety seats; and,

WHEREAS, The need for increased safety belt use in South Dakota is recognized; and,

WHEREAS, Increased travel and poor road conditions mark the period from Thanksgiving to Christmas:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the 30-day period from Thanksgiving Day to Christmas Day, 1987, as

BUCKLE UP MONTH

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE